From: Green, Holly

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 6:22 AM

To: McWhirter, Lisa

Subject: FW: Response to CBC re: AE in CA -- Due to Joel March 28

Attachments: Draft JB Response Letter to CBD-clean.docx; Discussion of Center for

Biological Diversity(MD)_revised.docx

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From: Thompkins, Anita

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 8:35 AM

To: Grevatt, Peter

Cc: Greene, Ashley; Green, Holly

Subject: Response to CBC re: AE in CA -- Due to Joel March 28

Hi Peter,

Please find attached the draft response to the Center for Biological Diversity's letters to EPA HQ and R9 and a background paper with more detailed information. You had indicated you would like the response to come from Joel, and that you wanted to be able to touch base with him prior to routing the letter for signature.

As you know, the CBD's letters are related to EPA R9's review of the first proposed AE in CA (Arroyo Grande), part of the larger plan for CA to come into compliance with the SDWA and UIC regulations by February 2017. CBD requests that EPA consider the Arroyo Grande AE application a "substantial" program revision per Guidance 34, that the AE application should be considered "complex" per EPA's 2014 AE Memo, and thus EPA should do a more stringent review and provide a public comment process for its decision on this AE.

The letter is due to CBD March 31, which means we should be ready to route to OW/Joel by Monday, March 28.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information for discussion with Joel.

Thanks, Anita

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